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FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM THE SECRETARY.

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE KIND WORDS AND GUIDANCE CONTAINED
IN YOUR MESSAGE.

WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BRITISH, FRENCH AND GERMAN FOREIGN
MINISTERS, I SHALL BE SEEING GROMYKO ALONE AT HIS VILLA THIS
AFTERNOON. BEFORE DOING SO, I WILL HAVE ANOTHER MEETING
WITH MY COLLEAGUES BUT I BELIEVE IT IS PROBABLE THEY WILL
AGREE TO THE SUGGESTION OF A THREE WEEK TO ONE MONTH RECESS.
THE RUSSIANS ARE NOW TRYING TO CORRECT OUR INTERPRETATION
OF THEIR LATEST PROPOSALS AS A THREAT, BUT WITHOUT TOO GREAT
SUCCESS. I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO IMPRESS GROMYKO WITH OUR GENUINE
FIRMNESS RESPECTING UNILATERAL ABROGATION OF OUR RIGHTS,
BUT AT THE SAME TIME TO INDICATE WE STILL HAVE HOPES OF
WORKING OUT A SATISFACTORY INTERIM SOLUTION ON BERLIN AFTER
A RECESS. I WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU AGAIN IMMEDIATELY
AFTER MY CONFERENCE WITH GROMYKO.

FAITHFULLY,
SIGNED: CHRIS."

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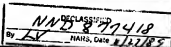
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